

Blanco Ranger District 220 E Market Street Meeker, CO 81641	 United States Department of Agriculture	 
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LAKE OF THE WOODS TRAIL # 2263

Difficulty: Moderate **Trail Use:** Heavy **Length:** .35 mile
Elevation: Starts at 9,131 feet and ends at 9,019 feet (highest point 9,131 feet)
Elevation Gain: +0 feet – 112 feet = +-112 feet

Access:

- Lake of the Woods Trail is located 47 miles east of Meeker.
- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 39 miles.
- Turn south on the Trappers Lake Road (FDR 205) for 7 miles.
- Lake of the Woods Trailhead is on the south side of the road 1/2 mile below Skinny Fish Creek.

Trail Highlights:

The trail provides access to the Lake of the Woods for fishing. After crossing the White River, you enter the Flat Tops Wilderness for the final 1/4 mile of trail. The trail goes through stands of burned trees from the 2002 Big Fish Fire, so please be careful.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Lake of the Woods Trail is in the Flat Tops Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics. Know the following rules:

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leas law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH: PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

WILDERNESS AREAS are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHE**

